

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-10. (cancelled)

11. (previously presented) Device for producing heavy gas-filled insulating glass sheets comprising:

two essentially vertical plates positioned on opposite sides of at least one conveyor for an insulating glass sheet which is to be filled with heavy gas; and

at least one seal oriented essentially vertically in a space between the plates;

wherein the seal is movable solely perpendicular to a plane of the plates; and

wherein on two vertical edges of the plates there are additional seals for sealing the space between the plates to the outside.

12. (previously presented) Device for producing heavy gas-filled insulating glass sheets comprising:

two essentially vertical plates positioned on opposite sides of at least one conveyor for an insulating glass sheet which is to be filled with heavy gas; and

at least one seal oriented essentially vertically in a space between the plates;

wherein the seal is extensible from and retractable into a vertically extending groove via movements solely perpendicular to the plane of the plates, said vertically extending groove being provided in a central region of said plates.

13. (previously presented) Device for producing heavy gas-filled insulating glass sheets comprising:

two essentially vertical plates positioned on opposite sides of at least one conveyor for an insulating glass sheet which is to be filled with heavy gas; and

at least one seal oriented essentially vertically in a space between the plates;

wherein the seal is extensible from a vertically extending groove via solely linear motion in a first direction and retractable into said vertically extending groove via solely linear motion in a second direction opposite to said first direction, said vertically extending groove being provided in a central region of said plates.